

The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

Executive Department State of Idaho State Capitol Boise

WHEREAS, violence against women and children continues to become a more prevalent social problem; and

WHEREAS, the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any groups of people, but cross all economic, racial and societal barriers and are supported by societal indifference; and

WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence is wide-ranging, directly affecting families and society; and

WHEREAS, I signed Cassie's Law to expand the protection of Idahoans from domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, across the state we continue to see a reduction in the request for protection orders; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to set aside a special time to bring this issue to the attention of all Idahoans so they can become better informed and involved in programs to eliminate this epidemic from our society; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence and the Idaho Council and Domestic Violence and Victim Assistance are joining forces with victim service programs, criminal justice officials and concerned citizens throughout Idaho and across the country to observe Domestic Violence Awareness Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2002, to be

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in Idaho.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this twenty-fourth-day of July in the year of our Lord two-thousand and two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-seventh and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred thirteenth.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE GOVERNOR

PETE T. CENARRUSA SECRETARY OF STATE